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REMARKS

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1. On 26 April 1954, the transfer to the summer camps of the units from the barracks installations on the northwest and southeast side of Berliner Strasse, Prenzlau, was completed.

2. The following columns were en route toward Hammelspring-Kannenburg from the direction of Prenzlau:

On 20 April: 19 trucks with troops and billeting equipment 25X1

A train with 8 JS-1 tanks, 4 armored scout cars, 3 trucks and about 200 men drove toward Templin from the direction of Prenzlau on 25 April. The following columns drove toward Templin from the direction of Prenzlau:

On 25 April: 14 trucks towing 10 x 76.2-mm infantry guns 25X1
 and about 200 men. 25X1

On 25 April: 46 trucks towing 17 heavy mortars, 21 x 76.2-mm infantry guns 25X1
 and about 500 men.

On 26 April, a train of 24 T-34/85 tanks, 4 trucks and 100 ammunition boxes drove toward Templin from the direction of Prenzlau. A column of 6 trucks towing 76.2-mm infantry guns 25X1
 and 8 trucks towing 76.2-mm infantry guns without numbers drove toward Templin from the direction of Prenzlau.

3. At 7:20 a.m. on 20 April, 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived at Vogelsang railroad station in 4 passenger cars coupled to the regular train from the direction of Zehdenick. At about 4:10 p.m. on 20 April, about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived at Vogelsang in 3 passenger cars coupled to the regular train from the direction of Zehdenick. The two units marched toward Camp Vogelsang. At 8 a.m. on 20 April, 25 sidecar motorcycles and an armored half-track vehicle moved toward Camp Vogelsang via

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the Schwarze Weg. On 21 April, 6 trucks with billeting equipment [] 25X1
 [] and 1 field kitchen moved toward Camp Vogelsang from the direction 25X1
 of Templin via Schwarze Weg. At about 10 a.m. on 23 April, tank trucks
 [] drove toward Zehdenick from the direction
 of Camp Vogelsang. At about 10 a.m. on 24 April, trucks []
 [] occupied by motor parts and bedsteads moved toward Camp
 Vogelsang via Schwarze Weg.

4. No shipments were observed at Vogelsang railroad station between 15 and 25 April.
5. On 15 April, 6 boxcars with ammunition which, according to the bills of lading, came from the direction of Finow, were unloaded at Vogelsang railroad station. The ammunition was dispatched by Unit [] and consigned to 25X1
 Camp Vogelsang. It was picked up and driven toward Camp Vogelsang by trucks
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6. On the morning of 24 April, rocket launcher fire was heard from the direction of Templin troop training grounds.¹
7. On 24 April, [] about 25X1
 12 carloads of construction material daily arrive for Camps Vogelsang and Kannenburg.
8. On 20 April, [] the 25X1
 foundation stones had recently been laid for 8 more buildings of the 1954 building project.²
9. At about 2:30 p.m. on 25 April, tanks, sidecar motorcycles and trucks with billeting equipment were entrained at Oranienburg freight station.
10. From 26 to 28 April, a large truck column entered Camp Vogelsang. Most of the vehicles came from the direction of Templin. Most of the troops wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, some red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and some black-bordered black epaulets. [] 25X1
11. On 26 April, 23 boxcars with ammunition and billeting equipment from the direction of Prenzlau were unloaded at Vogelsang. [] 25X1
 [] hauled the materiel to the camp. On 25X1
 26 April, 12 flatcars with sideracks carrying trucks and equipment from the direction of Prenzlau were unloaded at Zehdenick.
 [] were identified. On 29 April, T-34/85 tanks []
 [] passed through Zehdenick from the direction of Gransee and proceeded toward Vogelsang.
12. During the nights of 26 and 27 April, major tank and motor vehicle columns, which had been unloaded at Templin, moved to Camp Vogelsang via Vietmannsdorf-Storkow, as was stated by residents.

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13. On 24 April, billeting equipment from the Weisse Stadt Settlement in Oranienburg was loaded onto a 300-ton barge at Baerenklauer Bridge. The bow of the barge was headed toward a northerly direction. [redacted] hauled the equipment to the barge which was no longer seen at about 6 p.m. on 25 April.
14. On 28 April, the Weisse Stadt Settlement was vacated by troops with only small guard details wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered blue epaulets remaining in Hans Schemm Schule.¹
15. On 22 and 23 April, AT gun firing, presumably at sea targets, was practiced on a strip of land between Glowe and Juliusruh. Fishermen in Juliusruh had been told on 21 April, that they were forbidden to enter this area, as firing practices toward the Grosse Jasmunder Bodden were planned. [redacted] a Soviet unit was quartered in the woods between Juliusruh and Glowe. At about 9 a.m. on 22 April, about 100 to 150 trucks, about 30 AT guns and not less than 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia were seen west of the roads in the woods.
16. At 11:30 a.m. on 22 April, [redacted] carrying about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing 4 x 85-mm AT guns went from Sagard railroad station toward Glowe. [redacted] not less than 50 guns were detrained on 22 April.²
1. [redacted] Comment. The departure from the posts of Oranienburg and Prenzlau of the 25th Tank Div has repeatedly been covered. The transfer seemed to have terminated on 26 and 27 April. [redacted] the following units of the division arrived at Templin troop training grounds: the 20th Itz Rifle Regt, the 83d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt, the 175th Tank Regt, the unidentified mortar regiment, the unidentified artillery regiment and the 194th engineer battalion. [redacted] is carried with the 71st Light Arty Brig (SS). Although no observations indicating the departure of the brigade from Bernau have been made so far, it is possible that elements of the brigade already left for Templin. [redacted] 45 x 76.2-mm infantry guns. Type and number of guns are unusual. It is furthermore rather improbable that the tank division should be equipped with infantry guns. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted] Comment. According to other reports, the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig from Rostock transferred in two shipments, and the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) from Doberitz in 1 shipment, for firing in the northeast sector of Ruegen Island.

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